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FISHING AND HUNTING SURVEY DATA AVAILABLE SEPTEMBER 11

The results of the second national survey of fishing and hunting will be made public at the annual meeting of the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners which opens in Memphis, Tennessee, September 11, 1961, Frank P. Briggs, Assistant Secretary of the Department of the Interior said today. The survey covers the year 1960. The first survey covered 1955.

The Survey was conducted by the U. S. Bureau of the Census. Work began in December when the Bureau of the Census identified the sportsmen by screening the sample used in their monthly survey of the U. S. population; at that time the Census Bureau identified the households in which there were one or more individuals 12 years old or older who had fished or hunted in 1960. Interviewing took place in January.

The 1955 survey showed that approximately 25 million Americans 12 years old or older had fished or hunted that year. There is reason to believe that there will be a substantial increase in 1960 due to such factors as improved conservation measures of State and Federal agencies, increased opportunities to hunt and fish, increased population, and increased personal incomes.

The data collected regarding the income and occupations of those who fish and hunt will show how many participants are distributed throughout all occupations and which group of occupations participate the most in these sports.

Data has been collected on the number of sportsmen who fish and hunt as well as their expenditures on these sports. Details will be given on the number of fresh-water fishermen who fished in man-made ponds, in reservoirs, in natural lakes and ponds, and in rivers and streams and the number of sportsmen who fished in the surf, in bays and sounds, in tidal waters, and in the deep sea. Data on hunters will show the number of sportsmen who hunted waterfowl, small-game, and big-game.

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